Souhegan WMPAAC Annual Report November 2005

Presented to His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch
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Souhegan River Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee

In compliance with Laws of 2002, Chapter 278, the Souhegan River Water Management Area Advisory Committee is pleased to submit this annual report of the committee's findings and activities for 2005. This law defines the two committees for each river under the pilot program to advise the Instream Flow process—the Technical Review Committee (TRC) and the Water Management Area Advisory Committee (WMPAAC). According to Chapter 278, "Each Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee shall make an interim report regarding its progress and findings on or before November 1 of each year of their existence to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services, and the State Library."

NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) maintains a website for the Souhegan WMPAAC at http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/instream/souhegan.asp?link=meetings&meet=wmpa. The website contains the minutes, agendas, and copies of all presentations and documents distributed at the WMPAAC meetings.

The Souhegan WMPAAC has not met since the last report. The next duties of the WMPAAC fall mainly in the Water Management Planning stages. NHDES sent an update of progress to the WMPAAC on June 16, 2005 (attached).

Governor and Executive Council approved Rep. Chris Christensen to replace Rep. Pierre Bruno and Sen. Sheila Roberge to replace Sen. Andrew Peterson on May 18, 2005. Pierce Rigrod (chair) resigned because he had moved out of the area and Thomas Neforas resigned because he was no longer working for the Town of Milford that he had represented as a government official.

UNH's Souhegan Instream Flow Project website is at http://www.unh.edu/erg/souhegan/.

Committee Changes

Jay Chrystal was approved by Governor and Council to represent business interests in the watershed January 26, 2005. Rep. Pierre Bruno and Sen. Andrew Peterson (serving *ex officio*) were not reelected. Rep. Chris Christensen and Sen. Sheila Roberge replaced them by appointment approved by Governor & Council May 18, 2005. Pierce Rigrod, representing conservation commissions in the watershed, moved out of the area and resigned May 26, 2005. Tom Neforas representing a government official in the watershed took a job outside the watershed and resigned September 22, 2005. Neither has been replaced to date.

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